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Subprogramme overview: issues and challenges related to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Note by the secretariat

Corrigendum

1. Corner notation

The venue and date should read as above.

2. Paragraph 121 should read:

121. As the agenda of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development is being implemented and the transition to the development agenda beyond 2015 and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2 are ongoing, there is yet to be a clear framework on how to monitor resilience. Pursuant to Commission resolution 69/12 on enhancing regional cooperation for building resilience to disasters in Asia and the Pacific, the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction requested, at its third session, that the secretariat work towards monitoring more effectively the resilience of member States to disasters, including through the development of an agreed, basic range of disaster-related statistics in close coordination with the Committee on Statistics. This recommendation is particularly relevant in the light of Commission resolution 67/11 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific. In partnership with relevant United Nations agencies, the secretariat has organized two expert groups, which have undertaken five country studies on disaster-related data and statistics, and has developed a road map to highlight the topic of resilience monitoring at relevant regional and global policy forums. The result of this work will help member States in building their resilience and contribute to ongoing negotiations of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2 and the development agenda beyond 2015.

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3. Paragraph 122 should read:

122. The theme study for the sixty-ninth session of the Commission, on building resilience to natural disasters and major economic crises, and the follow-up work by the secretariat have increasingly reoriented the region's policy discourse from a post-disaster response approach towards a more comprehensive agenda of building long-term resilience to disasters. As a result, more than 200 government officials and experts from the planning, finance, environment and disaster risk reduction sectors deliberated and made recommendations to the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction at its third session, which was held in Bangkok from 27 to 29 November 2013. They emphasized the urgent need for monitoring resilience, improving disaster-related statistics, integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, and developing a strategic voice for the region in global forums for the development and risk reduction agendas beyond 2015.[47]

4. Paragraph 143(a) should read:

(a) Endorse the recommendations made by the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction at its third session, in particular, its request to the secretariat to work towards monitoring of resilience, including through joint work with the Committee on Statistics on establishing an agreed, basic range of disaster-related statistics. The Commission may wish to consider forming a working group under the joint auspices of the Committee on Statistics and the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction;

[47] See E/ESCAP/70/14.

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